

REMARKS

Claims 2-8, 11-19, 21-27, 33-37 and 41 are pending in the application.

Claims 2-8, 11-19, 21-27, 32-37 and 41 are objected to.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Claims 9 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 23, 26, 27, 32, 34, 35, 37 and 41 are amended.

Claims 1, 9 and 20 are cancelled.

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-8, 11-19, 21-27, 32-37 and 41.

Applicants hereby cancel claims 1, 9 and 20, rewrite claims 8, 19 and 27 in independent form and amend claims 2, 4, 7, 11, 12, 14, 17, 21, 23, 26, 32, 34, 35, 37 and 41 to variously depend from claims 8, 19 and 27.

Based on the amendments described above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in immediate condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-8, 11-19, 21-27, 33-37 and 41 of the application as amended. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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